



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 854 3897 2642 - Passcode: 279782 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

10:30

- I. **Call to Order** – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of March 24, 2023 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. March 31, 2023 Financial Statement [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

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- II. **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Planning** – Mr. Mike Shealy, Director, Statewide Leadership Development and Special Projects, Digital Equity Office, SC Department of Administration

Briefing: A strategic planning phase has been initiated under the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant program, funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This will result in the development of a 5-year statewide broadband plan that will be submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) by the SC Broadband Office. An outreach effort called *GetConnectedSC* is also underway.

11:00

- III. **Procurement of Oconee County Meal Provider** – Mr. Joe Dill, Chair, Regional Aging Advisory Committee, and Mr. Tim Womack, Aging Services Director

Briefing: The RAAC Committee met recently to review meal providers for aging services in Oconee County. The committee will make a recommendation to the board for consideration.

Action Item



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IV. Regional Transportation Updates – Mr. Lance Estep, Planning Director

Briefing: Mr. Estep will brief the board on the status of several regional transportation initiatives and the potential for changes to MPO and COG transportation planning boundaries.

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V. Legislative Report – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2023 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

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VI. Board Committee Assignments – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

Briefing: Chairman Collins will make appointments to the board committees for a term running from May 2023 through April 2024.

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VII. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

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VIII. Member Updates – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

Briefing: Board members will report on items of interest from their communities.

12:00

IX. Adjourn